[Mr. S. Chattanatha Karayalar.]

(*c*) if so, when the site will be acquired; and

(*d*) when the school will be shifted from its present site?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) More sites than one have been proposed, but one has not been agreed upon.

(*c*) and (*d*) The acquisition of a new site and the construction of a building thereon can be taken up only after the present financial situation improves.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) may I know how long the proposal was before the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): About five years.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): May I know what was the ground urged in favour of the proposal for shifting?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Inadequacy of the present site and the necessity for a larger building for that school.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) With reference to the answer to part (*b*), what was the difficulty in fixing upon a particular site for a period of five years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was some difficulty. One site was first selected. Later on it was found that it was not a good site because it was in a too congested area. Then it was suggested that a fresh site should be selected and the Director of Public Instruction has promised to inspect the place personally and send a report.

Contract for the construction of the Aruvikara dam.

45. MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name of the person who has been given the contract for the construction of the dam at Aruvikara;

(*b*) when the contract was given;

(*c*) the total cost of the work done by him;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the contract has been terminated, and, if so, when and why; and

(*e*) what time will be taken to complete the head works at Aruvikara?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Messrs. Charry and Co.

(*b*) 30th January, 1931.

(*c*) Rs. 37,000.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) It is hoped that the head works will be completed in another 12 to 15 months.

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MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): With reference to the answer to part (b), am I to understand that Messrs. Charry and Co., are carrying on the contract work even now?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, they are.

Appointment of Muslim graduates in English Schools.

46. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons why not even a single Muslim graduate has been able to secure a post in the English Schools as a teacher or otherwise?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no application from Mahomedan graduates during 1105. There was one application in 1106 and this applicant has renewed his application this year. No fresh graduate was appointed as a teacher since the date of the above application.

Public Health propaganda in schools.

47. MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Public Health Department is doing any propaganda work in schools?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes. The number of health lectures delivered during 1105 was 269 and during 1106 it was 656. Of these, more than 75 per cent. were in schools.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the schools mentioned in the answer are those in the health unit alone?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No. All over the State.

Maternity and Child-welfare scheme.

48. MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Public Health Department proposes to organise any comprehensive maternity and child-welfare work for the whole State with a view to bring down maternal and infantile mortality?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No; a comprehensive maternity and child-welfare work for the whole State cannot be undertaken easily. As a first step, this work has been undertaken in the Health Unit organisation at Neyyattinkara, where four clinics have already been established.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Do the Government propose to extend it to other parts of the country also?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Not just now.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): In the near future?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): When finances permit that.

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